

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A bridge fitting for use in a fluid manifold system for being in fluid communication with two or more surface mounted fluid components having an inlet port and an adjacent outlet port, the bridge fitting comprising:

a housing ~~further~~ comprising a first port disposed at a first end portion of the housing connected to a second port disposed at a second end portion of the housing, with an internal fluid passageway joining said first port and said second port and spacing the first port and the second port apart; ~~and at least one~~ a first projection extending from a substantially planar surface of the first end portion of the housing and a second projection extending from a substantially planar surface of the second end portion of the housing, wherein ~~the~~ at least one of the first and second projections is spaced apart from the first and second ports.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) The bridge fitting of claim 21 wherein the ~~second~~ first projection is located opposite the first port.

4. (Currently Amended) The bridge fitting of claim 21 wherein the second projection has a size different than said first projection.

5. (Currently Amended) The bridge fitting of claim 21 wherein the second projection has a different shape than said first projection.

6. (Currently Amended) The bridge fitting of claim 21 wherein said first projection comprises a first boss extending from a lower surface of said housing.

7. (Previously Presented) The bridge fitting of claim 6 wherein said second projection comprises a second boss extending from a lower surface of said housing.

8. - 33. (Canceled).

34. (Currently Amended) A bridge fitting comprising:

a housing including an upper surface and a substantially planar bottom-most surface, the housing further comprising:

a first port disposed on the upper surface of the housing;

a second port coplanar with a second the first port;

an U-shaped internal fluid passageway within the housing originating at the first port and terminating at the second port, wherein at least a portion of the internal fluid passageway connects said first and second ports; and

a locating feature disposed on a substantially planar the bottom-most surface of the housing, the locating feature being spaced apart from the internal passageway.

35. (Previously Presented) The bridge fitting of claim 34, wherein the locating feature comprises a projection.

36. - 38. (Canceled).

39. (Previously Presented) The bridge fitting of claim 1, wherein the at least one projection is adapted to prevent incorrect orientation of the bridge fitting within the fluid manifold system.

40. (Previously Presented) The bridge fitting of claim 1, wherein the at least one projection engages a corresponding at least one mating feature of the fluid manifold system in only one orientation within the fluid manifold system.

41. (Currently Amended) The bridge fitting of claim 21, wherein the first and second projections together are asymmetrical with respect to a center line of the housing.

42. (New) The bridge fitting of claim 1, wherein the first and second ports are coplanar.